

SUMNER BRANCH LIBRARY DESIGN GUIDELINES

Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission

(adopted April 15, 1997)

It is agreed that the Sumner Branch Library, located at 611 Emerson Avenue North, will be allowed to operate in a safe and economically feasible manner while protecting the integrity of the historic library. As stated in the City of Minneapolis Ordinance Chapter 34, the Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) will continue to review all changes to the designated building which require a permit. Alterations should meet *The Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation*. The Minneapolis Public Library and the HPC have agreed upon the following:

Interior: The main level reading rooms shall be designated. This includes the retention of the wood decorative items, plaster ceiling, plaster ornamentation, fireplaces and windows.

Exterior: All exterior elevations shall be designated.

1. The library is not accessible. If an interior elevator is added, the exterior ramp should be added to the southern side door. If an elevator tower is chosen, the tower should be to the rear (northern) or side (western) elevations. An elevator will not solve the interior floor level changes which may require interior ramping.
2. Future exterior additions will be encouraged to the rear (northern) elevation of the side (western) elevation.
3. The first floor (basement level) windows and doors have been a security issue. Bars or new windows shall be approved.
4. Necessary interior changes to designated and non-designated areas shall be allowed.